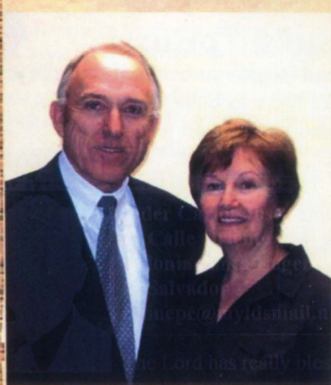


VOICE OF THE VINEYARD



"Choice blessings await those who live in thanksgiving daily. "He who receiveth all things with thankfulness," the Lord has promised, "shall be made glorious; and the things of this earth shall be added unto him, even an hundred fold, yea, more" D&C 78:19



At this time of year it is always good to remember what we are thankful for regardless of where we live or what life's challenges have been. As missionaries we have much for which to be thankful. One great blessing is our callings to serve from a Prophet of God, even one of the greatest Prophets of our time, Gordon B. Hinckley. Another is our call to serve in the great Salt Lake City Mission, like none other on the earth. We should be thankful for the great blessings available to us as missionaries in this great city, the headquarters of the Church. It seems, however, the greatest blessing that we have is our testimonies, without which we would not be here for two weeks, much less two years.

The Prophet Joseph Smith had much to say about faith and its relationship to testimony and our work in the kingdom. In a talk found in the Lectures on Faith, the Prophet outlined what it is that causes men and women to give all for their belief in God and his restored gospel. He said that "the knowledge of the character, perfections and attributes of God," is what enabled the ancient saints to endure all their afflictions and persecutions "and take joyfully the spoiling of their goods, knowing, (not merely believing) that they had a more enduring substance." Hebrews 10:34

Knowing that they were pursuing a course that was agreeable to the will of God they were able to "not only take the spoiling of their goods, and wasting of their substance, joyfully, but also to suffer death in its most horrid forms; knowing (not merely believing) that when this earthly house of their tabernacle was dissolved, they had a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The prophet taught that without that testimony the saints will, "grow weary in their minds, and faint; for such has been, and always will be, the opposition in the hearts of unbelievers and those that know not God."

How important is this testimony to a missionary? This prophet said, "For unless a person does know that he is walking according to the will of God, it would be offering an insult to the dignity of the Creator were he to say that he would be a partaker of his glory when he should be done with the things of this life. But when he has this knowledge, and most assuredly knows that he is doing the will of God, his confidence can be equally strong that he will be a partaker of the Glory of God."

I know that much is required of you as missionaries in the Kingdom of God on the earth. You give up much of what the world now sees as necessities of life. They are too numerous to list, but include dating, sports, television, magazines, music, movies, family associations, friends, schooling and on and on. Joseph said on this subject, "Let us here observe, that a religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things never has the power sufficient to produce the faith necessary unto life and salvation, for, from the first existence of man, the faith necessary unto the enjoyment of life and salvation never could be obtained without the sacrifice of all earthly things."

What we should be thankful for is this great Gospel plan that we have and the testimonies of it that drive us on in this great work. Sister Moeller and I are most thankful for each of you, your service, obedience, and tremendous faith. You are indeed a joy to us and to all with whom you come in contact. On this Thanksgiving Day we give thanks for each of you.

Love President Moeller



VEHICLE MESSAGE FROM ELDER NORTON



DVRs: Wow!!!! All on time!!!! Well, I had to push the envelope a day to give Rock Springs credit since theirs was postmarked 3 November but didn't get here 'til Monday, 7 November – I suppose that the Pony Express rider was trying so hard to make the due date that the horse threw a shoe. Congratulations to you all for your great management of vital paper work!!! Gas receipts – we're getting there!! We were missing only 8 receipts overall during October. Again, on time is by the 5th of the month. A reminder again -- please record all of your gas purchases and keep your receipts. Complete the DVR ending mileage and give the white copy of the DVR and all receipts to your Zone Leader. By now you have experienced a touch of winter in Utah and Wyoming and small parts of Nevada. Again, winter is a most beautiful time and **Extreme Caution must continue to be your watch word.** Allow for extra time so you don't have to push the margin of safety. Please put your winter mats back in the car, make sure your vehicle has a snow scraper/brush and plan your trips carefully. If you have misplaced your snow scraper or winter mats then please let me know. Continue to make your car a tool—not a distraction—in moving this great work forward. Please try this: Include the safety and good operation of your vehicle in your daily prayers. Thank You and Bless You for Your Great Work!!!!!!



**"Sing unto the Lord with
Thanksgiving;
Sing praise upon the harp
unto our God."
~Psalm 147:7**



October Baptisms:

| | Oct |
|------------------|-----|
| Granite..... | 09 |
| Helaman..... | 19 |
| Magna..... | 12 |
| Olympus..... | 02 |
| Pioneer..... | 02 |
| Temple..... | 05 |
| Tooele..... | 14 |
| West Valley..... | 15 |
| Wyoming..... | 09 |

Mission Totals For:

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|-----------|-----|
| Oct..... | 123 |
| Sept..... | 99 |

CERTIFIED TEACHER
ELDER BRAGHINI
SISTER GREER
ELDER PAYNE
ELDER ROSENBERG



"We can't lead, or draw, others to the Lord unless we stand closer to him than they do!" (Neal A. Maxell, Disposition of a Disciple, p. 36) Let us draw closer to the Lord that His grace may attend us in drawing others to Him. May we by His grace accomplish the goals which reflect the righteous desires of our hearts. Wrestle in the spirit with the Lord and serve Him with all your might, mind and strength. And when we double the baptisms in the mission let our hearts be filled with joy and gratitude for our Father's mercy, grace and love.

Elder Lang,
Elder Abeyasekera,
Elder Acevedo &
Elder Wajchman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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| 29 Nov | Elder Orbiso | 12 Dec | Sister Pantoja |
| 30 Nov | Sister Carmona | 15 Dec | Elder Ryan Carter |
| 30 Nov | Elder Ford | 20 Dec | Sister Williamson* |
| 01 Dec | Elder Arnott | 23 Dec | Elder Bray* |
| 03 Dec | Elder Gray | 27 Dec | Elder Johnny Perez |
| 08 Dec | Sister Santa Maria | 01 Jan | Elder Altuzarra |
| 09 Dec | Elder Cruz | | |

* Senior Missionaries



"Housing Hints" from the Brays



DISHES! DISHES! DISHES!

Dishes are fast and easy to do and it gets your hands and fingernails clean, too. Here are a few helpful hints to help you get on top of this task: Before you and your companion sit down to have your meal, fill the sink or dishpan with some hot, soapy water. Toss in any cooking equipment to soak while you eat. As soon as you get up from the table, in three easy minutes you can have those freshly used dishes washed and two minutes later you can have them dried. Just think—no more dried on food that you have to chisel off the next day or so. 😊

Pitchers or juice jugs that you keep in the refrigerator need to be washed out every few days to keep bacteria from forming.

HEADS UP!

Cleaning out the sink and sink strainer is part of doing dishes. As is wiping the table, and the kitchen cooking area. Wiping the counters, stove top, fridge front, can opener, etc. is part of the job and only takes seconds when the mess is fresh.

REMEMBER, CLEAN AS YOU GO!

You are all doing a wonderful Job. We know you will continue to be good stewards. Thanks for all you do to keep your apartments clean and tidy!

Love Elder & Sister Bray



"The grateful man sees so much in the world to be thankful for, and with him the good outweighs the evil. Love overpowers jealousy, and light drives darkness out of his life. Pride destroys our gratitude and sets up selfishness in its place. How much happier we are in the presence of a grateful and loving soul, and how careful we should be to cultivate, through the medium of a prayerful life, a thankful attitude toward God and man!"
Joseph F. Smith [GD, 263]

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soon. ¡Bueno, Helaman, sigan metiendo mano! Love, The Good Lookin' Elder Puertorican Missionary Man!



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It has been a wonderful experience to serve the Lord for 2 years, time goes by so fast. During this time I have learned to love many cultures that I will treasure all my life. I'm so blessed to be an instrument in the Lord's hands, I accomplished many things in the Lord's vineyard, but I didn't do it because of my strength or my own capability, but it is in the Lord's strength that I could help many people that needed that great doctor, and I'm so pleased because we are not here only to find those who are ready to receive the gospel but also generations, every word that comes from our heart has an important impact in those people that we testify to, "Do ye not remember that I said unto you that after ye had received the Holy Ghost ye could speak with the tongue of angels", "Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore

they speak the words of Christ". (2 Nephi 32:2-3). We are so blessed to declare glad tidings unto the children of men. There's another scripture that talks about the importance to declare these things unto the world, "And the great God has had mercy on us, and made these things known unto us that we might not perish; yea, and he has made these things known unto us beforehand, because he loveth our souls as well as he loveth our children; therefore, in his mercy he doth visit us by his angels, that the plan of salvation might be made known unto us as well as unto future generations" (Alma 24:14), Elders and Sisters you are angels—don't ever forget it! I loved every moment here in the mission, especially with all the many friends that I had made, y por supuesto a mis grandes panas con los cuales me la pase súper bien: Elder Javier, alta diversión en la baticueva con la viejita que se quejaba por los dardos, Elder Perez altas prendidas en granito, la rama granito Branch, si si si eldedes po favo. Elder Rodriguez cuidado con los earwigs y tambien la pulgas en tu cama, tampoco te olvides de Eloisa y Roberto. And also to all my friends that speak English, remember that Spanish missionaries are not that bad, remember the same sociability that exists here would be the same in the heavens, I love you all.



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For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations, of their own nation and tongue, to teach His word, yea, in wisdom, all that he seeth fit that they should have; therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom, according to that which is just and true. I know that which the Lord hath commanded me, and I glory in Him. I do not glory of myself, but I glory in that which the Lord hath commanded; me, yea, and this is my glory; that perhaps I may be an instrument in the hands of God to bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy. (Alma

29:8-9) What a marvelous experience it has been to be a missionary during the past two years. I have experienced the most crazy things, especially here in Utah, but also the most spiritual moments that I have ever had. Now my testimony is stronger. I love my Savior Jesus Christ, I love my Heavenly Father and I love the gospel. I know that this is the true church. I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, and I know that the Book of Mormon is the word of God. When I read from the Book of Mormon I feel peace and a small voice that testifies to me of its truthfulness. I really know that missionary work is a great blessing and an opportunity to tell people that God lives, that He loves them and that His church has been restored. Bueno en resumen todo esto es maravilloso la mision es fantastica y no tiene limite lo mejores seria que nunca terminara pero desafortunadamente tiene un fin y este a llegado asi que a todos los misioneros del Programa de Español les digo: Les amo mucho les extrañare bastante y pues lo que ya esto es el fin. Se despide su amigo, Elder Abraham A. Chavez.



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Serving a mission has been the best thing I've ever done. It has not always been easy for me, but learning from those hard times has made me a better person. I have had incredible experiences on my mission that have strengthened my testimony. I know this Gospel is true. I feel it every time I teach the principles to our investigators. I know that God lives and directs His Church through prophets and apostles. I know that Joseph Smith saw in vision Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet. The Church of Jesus Christ has been restored in its fullness.

It is no wonder why we share that message with everyone. Love, Elder Enser



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Where has the time gone, it has been an incredible experience. I've learned a lot of things that bring more value to the purpose of life. I've had my struggles and all that but it has built a stronger person than before. I have made the greatest friends just because we worked and had fun doing it. There's no time to be a robot and I have found that when you build relationships with the people you teach, it is more than likely that they'll accept the gospel rather than just showing up. Be a missionary with a personality. I love you all, especially my bike-wreck buddy

(those thorns still hurt)! I know that Jesus is the Christ. Joseph was His prophet and the Gospel is true. Farewell until I see you. Elder Darin S. George.



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Serving in the Utah Salt Lake City Mission has been an incredible experience! Opening my call at my home in Encinitas, California, was a suspenseful event. As I read aloud the location of where I'd spend the next two years, there was absolute silence. I was stunned and didn't know how to react, so I just kept reading aloud the letter. Family members began to whisper, 'He's just kidding,' or 'He's doing a good job of faking it,' but faking it, I was not. Later, as I began to tell others of my call, many expressed what seemed to be their condolences. Being set apart as Elder Lang and having served in Salt Lake City for over two years, my preconceived idea of what it would be like to serve here, has

been replaced with the greatest experience of my life. There are so many people that have been prepared by the hand of the Lord and brought to Utah to receive the gospel. Serving here has allowed me to see the panorama of God's children: from the wonderfully faithful to the most vicious antis and all of those that are indifferent or lukewarm. At one door we are welcomed with cookies and at the next we are yelled at and threatened. Spiritual experiences have molded my testimony from a young age and as a missionary they have solidified it. I've seen the Lord's hand in His work. The one truth impressed upon my mind more than any other is that missionary work is not the work of man but of God. This has been made clear to me. Sitting in a lesson and having the Spirit of the Lord poured out as if from heaven causing conversion to be wrought in the heart of a sincere investigator is just one example. Kneeling in prayer with an investigator and asking for an immediate answer or confirmation and then receiving that confirmation is another example. A family preparing for baptism expressing gratitude for us being the first people in eight years, since their arrival in America, to come into their home and offer them hope is another example from a never ending list of experiences that prove to me that I can do nothing of myself, but with God's help His Will will be accomplished. I know Joseph Smith was a prophet and I will serve my Heavenly King until I am dead as to the mortal body...and then some more. All in all, my feelings are summed up in an uncommon verse of a common hymn: "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!" Take care everyone and love every minute of it! Until next time, have fun. Love Elder Lang



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Over the past 2 years I have come to learn that the Lord doesn't call the able, but He enables those who are called! D&C 4:3 reads, "Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work;" All of us are called to serve our brothers and sisters by bringing them the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. This work we are called to do is not easy, but "bear with patience thine afflictions, and I will give unto you success." (Alma 26:27). As I have studied the words of the Lord, pondered them, prayed over them and tried to live them, they have become who I am. Our testimonies are like muscles. The more we use our Testimonies and bear witness of truth, they will grow. Joseph Smith was a prophet

of God and Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer. I conclude with the words of a favorite hymn, "Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom; Lead thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead thou me on! Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene, one step enough for me." Elder Medwin



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"Awake! And arise from the dust, and hear the words of a trembling parent, whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold and silent grave, from whence no traveler can return; a few more days and I go the way of all the earth." (2 Nephi 1:14) In the early 1940's the German army smothered the land throughout Europe. A kingdom was raised up, nevertheless, this kingdom trembled and gave itself down to destruction. Germany trusted in the arm of flesh. Years later, a certain German uncovered for him the true and living kingdom and felt some desire to be united with it. A kingdom that will never perish. A kingdom with Christ Jesus as the

presiding High Priest. He, being the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The captain of my salvation. I believe in Him, with all my heart. And in Him shall I find pasture. The standard of truth will cover the earth and Zion shall say; our God reigneth! This short time as a Christian soldier meant everything to me. It changed my life. I found my own sacred grove, I knelt in mine own personal Gethsemane. I love God, he gave me life, he gave His Son, Christ, the author of my eternal destiny; the anchor of my soul, my redeemer; the great I am, the holy one of Israel, the finisher of my faith, Jehovah. He called upon Joseph Smith and spake unto him from Heaven and gave him commandments. O, how true this work is. And now, "O God, receive my soul." (Mosiah 17:19) Love, Elder Neideck



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I always knew that our Father in Heaven wanted me to go on a mission. I'm grateful for this opportunity that he gave me to serve my brothers and sisters in this valley. I know the gospel is true and brings blessings. I know the world is better because of this work. The Church is true. Joseph Smith was a prophet. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The principles of the gospel are real. Thank you to each one of my companions in the Helaman, Pioneer, and Magna Zones. Love, Elder Ramos



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Five things that have blessed my mission:

1. Forget about yourself and get to work ! (President Hinckley)
2. When you work hard and smart, God blesses you!
3. Never think your area is a bad area.
4. Never think you have a bad companion.
5. Never lose the faith and you will have success.

The Lord has really blessed me. Jesus Christ is our Savior and the gospel is true. I love to be a missionary.

We Will Miss You!!!



Serving with the missionaries in the Salt Lake City Mission has been our favorite church calling. We have literally enjoyed every minute. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your diligence in making the temporal things spiritual. It has been our blessing to serve in some small way in such a great work. We know the Savior approves of the sacrifices you are making. We have seen him shape you into what you have become. Progression is wonderful and eternal. The Gospel plan is perfect. Men are that they might have joy. We will always feel joy whenever we think of you. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Elder and Sister James (nordfelt@msn.com)

Welcome New Inspectors!

- Brother & Sister Narramore-Evanston Area
- Brother & Sister Pence-Rock Springs
- Brother & Sister Bluemel-Green River & Mountain View
- Brother & Sister Lund-Rawlins
- Brother & Sister Astill-Salt Lake West



Welcome New Missionaries!

***Spanish Program**

INCOMING MISSIONARIES NOVEMBER 23, 2005



Elder Aja
Long Beach,
California



***Elder Altuzarra**
El Alto,
Bolivia



Elder Cave
Dobson,
North Carolina



***Elder Gardner**
Garfield Heights,
Ohio



Elder Gray
Palm Bay,
Florida



Elder Hicks
Etna,
California



Elder Kennington
Vista,
California



***Elder Munoz**
Buenos Aires,
Argentina



Sister Santa Maria
Lima,
Peru



Elder Saucier
Houma,
Louisiana



Elder Schmoldt
Camas,
Washington



Sister Solomon
Muncie,
Indiana



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St. Cloud,
Florida



Elder Stovall
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